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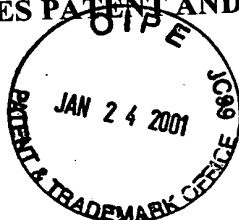
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 4, after "symmetrically" insert -relative to-.

Claim 2, line 4, after "symmetrically" insert -relative to-.

Claim 4, line 4, after "symmetrically" insert -relative to-.

Claim 9, line 4, after "symmetric" insert -relative to-.

Claim 10, line 5, after "symmetric" insert -relative to-.

Claim 11, line 6, after "symmetric" insert -relative to-.